

Gulf LMSC Meeting
Wednesday, May 15, 2019
Brenda and John Duncan YMCA

Attendance:

Kris Wingenroth (Chair), Kevin Lunsford (Vice Chair & Sanctions), Mark Hahn (Treasurer), Karlene Denby (Secretary, Newsletter, Long Distance), Stacey Eicks (Top Ten Recorder), Bruce Rollins (Coaches), Nicole Christensen (Webmaster), Bruce Williams (Registrar)

Elaine Rollins (UNAT), John Keen (COOG), Linda Visser (COOG), Tom Boak (WMST), Jimmy Durham (SWYM)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:54 p.m. at Brenda and John Duncan YMCA.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

MSA for approval of the minutes as submitted from the Gulf LMSC meeting of March 27, 2019.

Officer's Reports

- Chairman (Kris Wingenroth): Kris sent the Gulf LMSC updated by-laws and policies to the USMS National Office, as well as to Nicole for publication on the Gulf website. The Gulf Board approved via email the motion made by Bruce Rollins for coach reimbursement, which will be discussed further under unfinished business. The Gulf LMSC scored a perfect 50 of 50 on the National Office's LMSC Standards scoring.
- Vice Chair (Kevin Lunsford): no report.
- Secretary (Karlene Denby): no report.
- Treasurer (Mark Hahn): The ending cash balance as of April 30, 2019 is \$22,336.12 plus \$30,000 in certificates of deposit for a total of \$52,336.12.
- Registrar (Bruce Williams): As of May 15, 2019, 1,002 members have registered for 2019. A comparison of members from April 30, 2018 (1,057) vs. April 30, 2019 (990), shows a deficit of 67 members. There are currently 29 registered clubs for 2019 vs. 31 registered clubs in 2018. The number of self-identified coaches for 2019 is 101 vs. 110 self-identified coaches in 2018.

Committee Reports

- Sanction Chair (Kevin Lunsford): The WMST Summer Head Start Meet has been sanctioned. Nicole is working to get all necessary documentation to Kevin for sanction of the Summer Sizzler meet, scheduled for June 30.
- Top Ten (Stacey Eicks): Stacey reviewed the Gulf administrative webpage, specifically the meet director page. Some items are up to date (primarily the links), while other items are as old as 2015. Stacey submitted a written report summarizing her findings.

- Webmaster (Nicole Christensen Rembach): The transition to the new domain, gulfmastersswim.org, is complete, and it is up and running. There are about nine months remaining on the old domain subscription. Currently, both domains are running concurrently. When the old domain subscription expires, it will drop off. Email reminders should be sent out just prior to the to the expiration of the old domain to remind members of the new web address. The previous email that was sent out to advise members of the new domain was opened by a large percentage of members.
- Communications (Karlene Denby): Karlene is currently working on the Spring edition of the Gulf newsletter. She plans to have the finished newsletter to Elaine Rollins for editing prior to the Memorial Day weekend. Once edited, she plans to forward to Nicole before the end of May for dissemination to the membership, and posting on the Gulf website.
- Coaches (Bruce Rollins): The next big event for coach involvement is the USMS National Office initiative “Try Masters Swimming Week”, being held June 1-10. Nicole will send a reminder to both coaches and members, and Karlene will include information in the Spring newsletter regarding this initiative.
- Officials (Herb Schwab, not present): No report. Kris reported that USMS has implemented a certification process for swim officials. Information regarding the certification is on the USMS website. If anyone is interested in getting certified, they should contact Herb.
- Fitness (Robin Tompkins, not present): While Robin was not in attendance at the meeting, she submitted an email report regarding the Gulf Swim University fitness event. Robin advised that several swimmers had increased their mileage and moved up a degree level from the previous year. She had also received multiple emails expressing enthusiasm for the event. The June fitness challenge is Finless Fridays in which swimmers will go fin-free for every Friday workout in June.
- Open Water (Karlene Denby): The inaugural Swim Across America charity swim for cancer research was held on May 4th. There were over 125 participants and approximately 75 volunteers. Five Olympians attended the event. As of today’s Gulf LMSC meeting, the SAA-Houston event has raised just under \$170,000 for cancer research at MD Anderson Cancer Center’s Departments of Pediatric Oncology and Neuro-Oncology.
- Karlene and Bruce had discussed putting on a SAA pool event at the newly renovated Dad’s Club pool prior to the end of SAA’s fiscal year (October 31, 2019). MSA for the Gulf LMSC to allocate a budget of \$500 to put on a SAA pool event at Dad’s Club.

Unfinished Business

- The Board agreed to Bruce Rollins’ proposal via email for the reimbursement of the registration fee of those Gulf-registered USMS members who attend a “How to Do A Swim Clinic” certification training, if they conduct an official masters swim clinic, open to all Gulf LMSC members, within one calendar year of their certification. MSA – to approve the above motion.
- MSA – to write a policy to reimburse certifications attained by Gulf members.
- Report on Zone Meet – Stacey Eicks reported that the Zone meet was a financial success. A P&L will be forthcoming. There were almost 300 swimmers entered.

There were lots of volunteers, such as timers and runners from Woodlands College Park High School. A donation was made back to the high school's Interact fund. The swimmers liked the award medals, and WMST ran out of medals. MOST filed a formal protest at the meet, as another team was allowed to deck-enter swimmers in open lanes, and those additional swims changed the overall team standings. Kris worked on the protest in conjunction with Charles Cockrell (USMS Competition Chair). and MaryBeth Windrath (USMS Records & Tabulations Chair). The protest was upheld, and the deck-entry swims were deemed to be exhibition swims. The deck-entry swims were, therefore, not eligible for meet scoring or for National Top Ten consideration. The meet was rescored, and MOST won the overall team title.

- Emmett Hines Award – the 2018 inaugural award will be awarded to Emmett Hines, and presented to his widow, Peggy Hines, prior to the annual meeting. Nominations are open for the 2019 award until September 30, 2019. A recipient will be chosen from the nomination submissions, and the 2019 award will be presented at the Gulf annual meeting.

New Business

- Meet dates to be approved: The WMST November Classic SCM meet has finalized a date and is scheduled for November 9-10.
- Report about LC Zones: Nicole reports that the early bird entry deadline is approaching. Meet entries are already coming in. T-shirts and awards have already been designed. Nicole is working hard to get volunteers. There is currently a shortage of lane timers for all three days of the meet.
- **USMS National Convention – Sept. 11 – 15, 2019, St. Louis, Hyatt Regency at the Arch.** Tom Boak, Carolyn Boak, Kris Wingenroth, and Bruce Rollins have automatic delegate status. MSA – to send Stacey Eicks, Kevin Lunsford, Nicole Christensen, and Steve White (alternate, at-large) to the 2019 USMS National Convention.
- By-law proposal by Carolyn Boak: **Article IV**
After discussion, the proposal was amended by the House to: Eligibility – Only current members of USMS registered ***for a portion of the registration year*** with the Gulf LMSC shall be eligible to hold office. (revised wording in bold italic)
MSA – to approve the by-law change with the amended wording.
- Bruce Rollins has suggested that the Gulf LMSC make a donation to the Brenda and John Duncan YMCA for our on-going use of a meeting room. MSA – of a \$1,000 donation to the YMCA's aquatics program.
- Try Masters Swimming Week – June 1-10: USMS has activated online signup for a 30-day trial registration/waiver form for this event. We need to actively promote the event via the Gulf website, Facebook page, Gulf newsletter, and emails. Nicole will send a separate email to the coaches, informing them that they must sign their program up with the national office if they want their team promoted for this event.

Updated 2019 Calendar of Events

- WMST Summer Head Start LCM Meet, Conroe ISD Natatorium – June 15
- Summer Sizzler LCM Meet, Dad's Club – June 30
- South Central Zone LCM Championship, Texas A&M University – July 19-21
- USMS Summer National Championship, Mission Viejo, CA – August 7-11
- FINA World Masters Championship, Gwangju, Korea – August 9-18
- USMS National Convention, Hyatt Regency at the Arch, St. Louis, MO – September 11-15
- FCST "First Time for Everything" Meet, Lamar Consolidated ISD Natatorium – September 27 or 28 (TBA)
- WMST November Classic SCM Meet, Conroe ISD Natatorium – Nov. 9-10

Next Meeting –July 31, 2019 at Brenda and John Duncan YMCA.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karlene Denby, Secretary